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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filling a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$498.
 - **\$162** for **9** total claims over 20.
 - \$336 for 4 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
 - A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1368.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Title: "DUCT CONNECTOR APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date

Granted, which was mailed February 12, 2002 and a copy of which is attached. Enclosed are a

Declaration and Power of Attorney, an Assignment with cover sheet, twenty substitute drawing sheets that are believed to comply with 37 C.F.R. T.84, an Information Disclosure Statement and Transmittal and a check for \$1,408.00. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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